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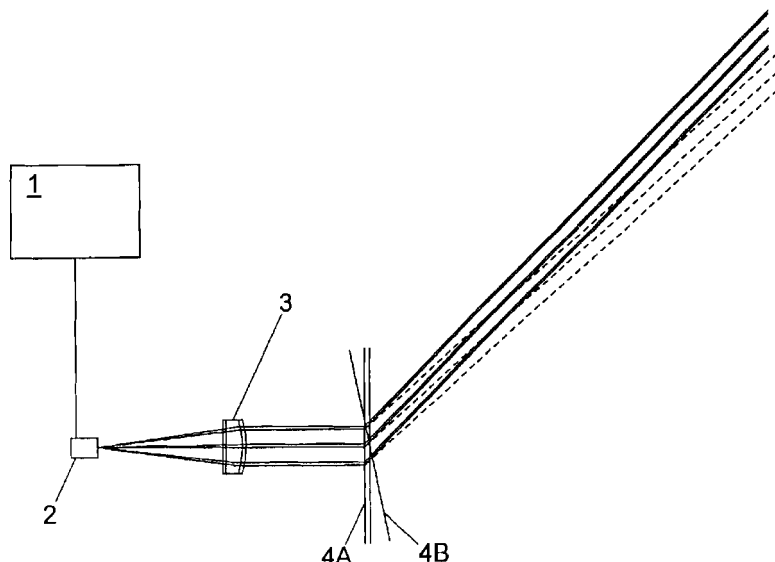
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(57) Abstract: This invention provides an apparatus comprising a laser diode (2) whose wavelength is modulated by an amplitude modulator (1). The laser output is collimated by a lens (3) and passed through an optical element (4) which contains two diffraction gratings spaced by a refractive element. The resulting output contains an interference pattern which can be selected and controlled to interact with chosen molecules so as to induce molecular resonance.

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## MOLECULAR RESONANCE STIMULATED BY LOW INTENSITY LASER LIGHT

1   **Molecular Resonance**

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3   The present invention relates to molecular resonance  
4   of molecules, in particular molecular resonance  
5   generated by laser radiation.

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7   The concept of introducing high Q molecules that may  
8   be stimulated by laser light to deliver toxic or  
9   therapeutic effects is known from Dunlavy US5313315.  
10   However, the direct stimulation of natural biological  
11   processes by means of molecular resonance using  
12   modulated or selective wavelength lasers has hitherto  
13   proved to be impossible. This is because of the  
14   scattering nature of the medium, the close proximity  
15   of many resonances in natural molecules and the  
16   difficulty of differentially raising the temperature  
17   and thereby the reactivity of individual desired  
18   molecules.

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1 The present invention defines an apparatus and method  
2 which overcomes some of these problems and covers the  
3 nature and type of molecule susceptible to  
4 differential stimulation.

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6 Many critical chemical reactions in the body are  
7 functions of the Cell Surface Cell Adhesion Molecules  
8 that are in turn moderated by various integrins. The  
9 geometric structure of many Cell Adhesion Molecules  
10 and particular integrins is such that they are  
11 capable of supporting a resonance at relatively low  
12 frequency and surprisingly high Q. Unlike most  
13 protein structures which are heavily damped or  
14 inherently rigid in structure these molecules  
15 generally take the form of a pair of relatively rigid  
16 structures separated by space often bridged by a  
17 single strand. This structure is especially sensitive  
18 to periodic stimulation by a laser source especially  
19 when the molecule surface is neutral or slightly  
20 negatively charged. The polar and hydrophobic regions  
21 of the molecule also differentially absorb energy  
22 from laser light. This causes brief alterations in  
23 both the structural bond energy and consequently  
24 tends to amplify the vibration of the molecule. The  
25 effect of this is to slightly increase the chemical  
26 reactivity of particular molecules on a cell surface  
27 relative to the surrounding molecules of a more  
28 generally damped structure or other high Q molecules  
29 of a different resonant frequency.

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1 In vivo the scattering of light at suitable  
2 excitation wavelengths is extreme and as a result  
3 even quite low frequency modulation signals tend to  
4 be corrupted by the multiple scatter path lengths and  
5 by the delay in absorption and release of photons in  
6 those atoms at low energy states.

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8 Also if continuous laser radiation is delivered to a  
9 mass of cells the high damping factor of the  
10 structure means that in general the overall  
11 temperature of the cell mass rises. This occurs even  
12 if modulated at the resonant frequency of a  
13 particular molecule. The use of laser radiation in  
14 this way produces an increase in the reactivity of  
15 the entire cell surface which means that no actual  
16 change in the reaction products occur because the  
17 cells are in general, at equilibrium.

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19 Conversely if very low energy is delivered at the  
20 resonance frequency of the cell adhesion molecules or  
21 if energy can be delivered as an intermittent pulse  
22 of extremely short duration, the cell adhesion  
23 molecules and the integrins with their inherently  
24 high Q structure tend to maintain a slightly higher  
25 temperature than the surrounding molecules. Thus the  
26 cell adhesion molecules can be stimulated to a  
27 greater reactivity than the surrounding surface  
28 molecules.

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1 Many biological processes can be disturbed into a  
2 cascade of increasing reactivity if an initial  
3 response is initiated. The immune response is a  
4 powerful example of this but the nature of biological  
5 reactions on the cell surface means that similar  
6 cascade reactions occur for a wide variety of initial  
7 conditions disturbed from equilibrium. Thus a very  
8 small change in the reactivity of a surface molecule  
9 for a short time can result in a dramatic change in  
10 the chemistry of the cell surface for a considerable  
11 period after the stimulation.

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13 This effect depends on the cell chemistry being  
14 substantially in equilibrium at the commencement of  
15 the delivery of the radiation, otherwise the  
16 resonance effect will tend to be swamped by the  
17 current dominant reaction. Thus the target cells must  
18 be in a relatively neutral pH environment and  
19 obviously not engaged in a vigorous metabolic  
20 process. Ideally also the cell surface molecule would  
21 be neutral or slightly negative as this increases the  
22 absorption of photons and so increases the transfer  
23 of energy from the laser to the molecule.

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25 Although this limits the use of this method, it has  
26 one beneficial effect with respect to therapeutic use  
27 in carcinomas. The undifferentiated cells of a  
28 carcinoma are generally at equilibrium on the surface  
29 as most of the chemical energy of the cell is

1 expended internally in the cell duplication process.  
2 This means that the undifferentiated cells of a  
3 carcinoma are particularly susceptible to the effect  
4 of the method on the surface chemistry since by their  
5 nature they conform to the ideal requirements for low  
6 energy disturbance of the equilibrium.

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8 It is a critical requirement of this effect that the  
9 initial stimulation is periodic and of very low  
10 overall energy, as higher energy stimulation would  
11 merely raise the temperature of the entire cell by  
12 conduction and would not change the reaction  
13 equilibrium. To achieve such a change, individual  
14 molecules on the cell surface must be at different  
15 temperatures. Ideally it would consist of small,  
16 directed bursts of light modulated at the frequency  
17 of the desired molecule. Unfortunately it is clearly  
18 impossible to direct such a beam in the highly  
19 scattering medium of a living human body.

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21 If a conventional laser or simple light beam is  
22 directed at a highly scattering medium, the  
23 modulation is eliminated at any substantial frequency  
24 because the light paths to any given point are so  
25 numerous and of such differing lengths that any  
26 modulation is reduced to noise after a few  
27 millimetres of the scattering medium. Even at lower  
28 frequencies the general level of overall energy  
29 delivered to the cells means that conduction and

1 convection tend to raise the overall temperature of  
2 the cell surface rather than allow isolated  
3 temperature differences to exist for any useful  
4 length of time. Further it is impractical to generate  
5 a light pulse which is of sufficiently short duration  
6 and with a sufficiently high pulse repetition  
7 frequency to be of practical use in the stimulation  
8 of any resonance of a Q likely to occur in a living  
9 cell surface molecule.

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11 This invention provides a means of differentially  
12 stimulating at least those molecules susceptible by  
13 their structure to resonant stimulus.

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15 The invention and preferred features thereof are  
16 defined in the appended claims.

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18 Embodiments of the invention will now be described,  
19 by way of example only, with reference to the  
20 drawings, in which:

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22 Fig. 1 is a block diagram of an apparatus  
23 embodying the invention;

24 Fig. 2 illustrates an interference pattern  
25 produced by the apparatus of Fig. 1;

26 Fig. 3 shows the same interference in a scattering  
27 medium;

1 Figs. 4 and 5 show typical cell adhesion  
2 molecules;

3 Fig. 6 shows a human integrin molecule with a  
4 single substantial high Q resonance;

5 Fig. 7 shows the zinc structure of the GAG protein  
6 in the HIV virus; and

7 Fig. 8 shows a typical laser diode spectrum.

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9 Referring to Fig. 1, the apparatus comprises a laser  
10 diode 2 which is controlled by an amplitude modulator  
11 1. The laser diode 2 is selected to have a  
12 reasonably linear relationship between current and  
13 wavelength with minimum mode hopping. The amplitude  
14 modulator 1 modulates the current to the laser diode  
15 2 which in turn results in a very small wavelength  
16 modulation of the laser, for purposes discussed  
17 below.

18 The output of the laser diode 2 is collimated by a  
19 lens 3 and passed to an optical element 4. The  
20 optical element 4 consists of a first diffraction  
21 grating, a refractive element, and a second  
22 diffraction grating such that the beam is  
23 substantially cancelled. A preferred form of the  
24 optical element 4 is as disclosed in WO97/22022 (now  
25 EP-A1-0865618A and US-A-6064500). This allows the  
26 cancellation to occur over a small percentage of the  
27 wavelength variance of the laser source, rather than  
28 at a single critical wavelength. Wavelengths beyond  
29 the acceptance bandwidth of the cancelling optic 4



1 above and below the centre frequency pass without  
2 being cancelled. This means that a complex Fresnel /  
3 Fraunhofer zone will be generated, defined by the  
4 beat frequency of the high and low frequencies as a  
5 function of the aperture. This means that relatively  
6 sparse zones of constructive interference will occur  
7 between the high and low frequency passes of the  
8 cancellation element in selected directions from the  
9 aperture, as shown in Fig. 2.

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11 As seen in Fig. 1, the optical element can be  
12 adjusted angularly between positions 4A and 4B. This  
13 varies the ratio of constructive to destructive  
14 interference.

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16 In effect the continuous beam is transformed into a  
17 string of extremely short duration pulses typically  
18 of sub femto second duration. The small wavelength  
19 modulation of the laser diode 2 causes the  
20 constructive and destructive nodes to move rapidly  
21 through the volume of the Fresnel zone of the  
22 collimator lens aperture. This has the effect of  
23 simulating very short (sub picosecond) pulse  
24 behaviour at any point in the Fresnel zone through  
25 which the nodes pass at a pulse repetition frequency  
26 defined by the amplitude modulator frequency.

27

28 The wavelength of the cancellation and constructive  
29 interference zones for a theoretical single path

1 would be the difference between the two frequencies.  
2 If the bandwidth of the cancelling element is narrow  
3 this difference is very small and the effective  
4 wavelength of the cancelled / non-cancelled cycle  
5 would be very long, of the order of pico-seconds.  
6 Therefore, the system would behave substantially  
7 similarly to a system with no cancellation because it  
8 requires an aperture much larger than the primary  
9 light wavelength to generate a useful Fresnel /  
10 Fraunhofer zone. Such an aperture would greatly  
11 multiply the available Feynman diagram paths  
12 eliminating any useful effect, even if it were  
13 possible to generate a sufficiently coherent source  
14 of such an aperture.

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16 If the beat frequency can be made high enough the  
17 wavelength of the cancelled to non-cancelled cycle  
18 can be a fraction of a practical aperture. This will  
19 make this wavelength sufficiently small to limit the  
20 Feynman paths to within a cycle or two in free space  
21 allowing the Fresnel / Fraunhofer effect to be  
22 apparent. Since the centre frequency and spectrum  
23 spread of a laser diode is easily modulated by  
24 adjusting the current and or temperature of the  
25 junction, the pattern of the Fresnel / Fraunhofer  
26 zones can be varied dramatically by very small  
27 variations in the wavelength of one or both pass  
28 frequencies. Such modulation is produced in the  
29 apparatus of Fig. 1 by the amplitude modulator 2.

30

1 Ideally the diode is modulated only slightly so that  
2 the frequencies of the laser spectra move by an  
3 amount smaller than that which would cause a second  
4 lobe to spill outside the bandpass of the  
5 cancellation element. As described above the aperture  
6 of the apparatus has a dimension some substantial  
7 multiple of the wavelength of the laser and some  
8 significantly smaller multiple of the cancellation  
9 cycle. Thus the number of different Feynman diagram  
10 path lengths will be substantially less than infinite  
11 for any given cycle length. Thus as different rays  
12 from the laser take slightly different paths through  
13 the optical element and thereafter cause the complex  
14 Fraunhofer zone within the beam the pattern  
15 generated is the inverse of a typical narrow spectrum  
16 Fraunhofer zone.

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18 Therefore, instead of the centre frequencies of the  
19 beam being in general uncanceled, the centre  
20 frequencies are totally cancelled. Thus instead of a  
21 general constant level of light in the beam, the beat  
22 frequency beam is characterised by isolated  
23 relatively sparse "islands" of constructive  
24 interference occurring in the generally cancelled  
25 beam. Small variations in the centre frequency of the  
26 laser as a result of modulation of the current or  
27 temperature of the diode cause these islands of  
28 constructive interference to move rapidly within the  
29 beam.

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1 Thus at any given point within the beam path, a  
2 constructive interference node can be made to  
3 modulate with respect to the modulation frequency of  
4 the laser, irrespective of the scattering of the path  
5 to that point. This is because few areas of  
6 constructive interference exist in the initial beam  
7 and while a constructive node can occur at any point  
8 which happens to have suitable path lengths through  
9 the scattering medium to the source, the initially  
10 cancelled portion of the beam can not be  
11 reconstructed to become a constructive node at any  
12 point. Since the modulation of the laser changes the  
13 locations of the constructive nodes at the modulation  
14 frequency of the laser the result is that for any  
15 point (or more accurately for the substantial  
16 majority of points) within the beam a modulation  
17 occurs irrespective of the scattering nature of the  
18 medium. This is because the probability of a scatter  
19 from one sparse node to a region where another sparse  
20 node has existed within frequency of the modulation  
21 is extremely low.

22

23 In a typical coherent beam, the presence of  
24 constructive or destructive interference is of equal  
25 likelihood and the modulation of the beam will  
26 generally shift one constructive node only to be  
27 replaced by another causing any initial modulation of  
28 the beam to be swamped by the noise of the multiple  
29 paths. In contrast, the limiting factor for the  
30 modulation frequency of a sparse constructive

1 interference beam is simply that the overall maximum  
2 path length of any substantial probability in the  
3 Feynman diagram. Path length is substantially shorter  
4 than the wavelength of the modulation.

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6 For a depth of five or six centimetres in human  
7 tissue this allows frequencies in excess of 10 MHz to  
8 be successfully modulated and in many human tissues  
9 such as bone or neural tissue the depth would be  
10 substantially greater or the limiting frequency  
11 higher.

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13 A conventional coherent or incoherent beam would have  
14 high probability paths in the Feynman diagram. These  
15 paths would overlap at very low frequencies (kHz) and  
16 be of little practical use in the stimulation of  
17 molecular resonance. It should be noted however that  
18 the phenomena described above may be used as a means  
19 to multiply the modulation frequency, up to the point  
20 where the beam effectively becomes continuous. Thus  
21 by careful selection of the aperture, the region of  
22 the beam selected for transmission through the medium  
23 and the modulation frequency it is possible to cause  
24 the constructive nodes to pass across any given point  
25 in the beam at frequencies many times higher than the  
26 modulation frequency. In ideal conditions the  
27 duration of exposure to a constructive node of any  
28 point would be for a period equivalent to a quarter

1 of the duration of a wavelength of the molecular  
2 frequency repeated once per cycle.

3

4 If the wavelength of the laser is chosen to be one  
5 easily absorbed by the atomic structures it is  
6 desired to induce to resonance, then the beam will  
7 efficiently deliver the desired modulation frequency  
8 to the desired molecules. The energy of the beam is  
9 extremely low but sufficiently high to differentially  
10 raise the temperature of those molecules of  
11 sufficient Q. Higher energy intensity would tend to  
12 cause sufficient scatter even from the isolated  
13 island nodes to swamp the modulation. Again the  
14 result would be a general temperature increase rather  
15 than the differential temperature increase of the  
16 desired molecules.

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18 Higher intensity can not significantly increase the  
19 energy delivered to the desired molecules. Once the  
20 probability of a single photon absorption at any  
21 point on the molecule in a given and resonant  
22 frequency cycle is exceeded, there is little  
23 advantage in increasing the intensity since a second  
24 photon will scatter without delivering more energy to  
25 the given atom structure. The maximum temperature  
26 difference that can be induced will be a function of  
27 the damping factor and the Q of the resonant  
28 component of the molecule. Therefore, increasing the  
29 time of stimulation is pointless beyond some

1 reasonable multiple of the known time required to  
2 initiate the reaction desired because the maximum  
3 possible temperature variance will occur within a few  
4 seconds.

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6 The effect is therefore, only of merit in systems  
7 where a small temperature variance can disturb the  
8 equilibrium. Naturally this limits the range of  
9 molecules that can be stimulated by this method. It  
10 is fortunate however that many of the most usefully  
11 stimulated molecules have exactly the characteristics  
12 required. Most particularly the cell adhesion  
13 molecules and integrins mentioned above. It should be  
14 noted of course that all biological reactions occur  
15 within a narrow temperature range and the progress of  
16 most reactions can be varied quite significantly by  
17 small temperature differences. It is of course a  
18 natural consequence of light stimulation of a  
19 molecular resonance that the molecular node  
20 temperature of the resonant structure will coincide  
21 with the maximum valence state of the atoms since  
22 they are in the process of absorbing and emitting  
23 photons and so the electrons are in general at a  
24 relatively high energy state. Naturally specific  
25 photochemical reactions will be favoured and this may  
26 either help or hinder the ability of the method to  
27 stimulate a specific desired reaction depending on  
28 the proximity of unwanted photochemical reaction  
29 sites to the resonant stimulated sites. In designing  
30 a specific stimulus these factors should be taken

1 into account along with the equilibrium state and the  
2 pH.

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4 As stated above cell adhesion molecules and human  
5 integrins such as Alpha 4 Beta 1 are ideally suited  
6 for excitation to chemical activity by this method.

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8 The stimulation of cell adhesion molecules and  
9 integrins moderates a number of extremely useful  
10 biological processes. Not least of these is cell  
11 adhesion itself. It is obviously beneficial to  
12 stimulate the adhesion molecules of a carcinoma as  
13 the cell adhesion of carcinomas is relatively  
14 depressed and enhancing the adhesion serves to reduce  
15 the probability of metastasis. Such an effect would  
16 be especially beneficial prior to the excision of a  
17 tumour, reducing the likelihood of surgically  
18 shedding carcinoma cells into the blood or lymph  
19 system. The cell adhesion process and the integrins  
20 especially Alpha 4 Beta 1 and Alpha 4 Beta 2 are  
21 responsible not only for adhesion but also cell  
22 recognition.

23

24 Bissel and Weaver have shown that by chemical  
25 inhibition of adhesion sites of Alpha 4 Beta1, the  
26 cell recognition can be moderated. It is therefore  
27 possible to reduce an undifferentiated carcinoma cell  
28 to its phenotype by correctly moderating the adhesion  
29 reaction. The method used by Bissel and Weaver is



1 practical for in vitro application and can be used as  
2 described in their patent for the measurement of  
3 response to chemotherapy but it can not practically  
4 be used in vivo. Conversely the laser radiation  
5 method can be used in vivo and because of the  
6 extremely low energies it is inherently safe at least  
7 in terms of the radiation used. Care must of course  
8 be taken to ensure that the stimulation delivered  
9 will have a desirable consequence and much work is  
10 needed to determine both the chemical responses that  
11 are most easily stimulated and which of those are  
12 desirable in a given case.

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14 Gradually a library of reaction responses susceptible  
15 to the stimulation will be developed from theory and  
16 experiment and this library will be used to define a  
17 range of reactions that are both of clinical use and  
18 practical to stimulate. To date we have demonstrated  
19 the stimulation of adhesion in leukocytes and neural  
20 carcinomas. We have demonstrated substantial  
21 moderation of cell surface chemistry in the prostate  
22 gland.

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24 This shows promise in the treatment of various  
25 carcinomas. Stimulation of cell adhesion and  
26 recognition alters the metabolism of the carcinoma  
27 and causes induced, spontaneous apoptosis as a result  
28 of undifferentiated cells communicating sufficiently.  
29 This in turn causes the natural apoptosis of

1 undifferentiated cells in an undifferentiated  
2 environment. We have substantial evidence that like  
3 Bissel and Weaver we have observed the reduction to  
4 phenotype of undifferentiated cells and leukocytes.

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6 Wayner US5730978 has shown an integrin-moderated  
7 process which suggests that the method may have  
8 application in the treatment of auto-immune diseases  
9 and in the manipulation of the immune response in  
10 general.

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12 In vitro, the method can be used to alter the  
13 chemistry of a variety of proteins and simple amino  
14 acid structures in a manner that may be useful in the  
15 production of pharmaceutical compounds and nutrition  
16 products. Since the polar and hydrophobic components  
17 of molecules have substantially different electron  
18 populations, Quantum Electrodynamics (QED) shows that  
19 these components differentially absorb energy from  
20 photons. Coupled with a modulation frequency close to  
21 one of the major axes of a given molecule, modulated  
22 laser stimulation can be used to increase the  
23 homogeneity of a population of proteins or simple  
24 amino acid structures. This can be highly  
25 advantageous since the metabolic absorption of amino  
26 acid structures is moderated in vivo by shape  
27 specific enzymes.

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1 If a simple amino acid nutrient is made homogeneous  
2 the number of enzymes required to metabolise the  
3 nutrient is reduced. Again the cascade effect of cell  
4 chemistry means that such a reduction in the  
5 complexity of a particular chemical process can  
6 dramatically increase the speed of absorption  
7 sometimes by several orders of magnitude since the  
8 required enzyme population is far more rapidly  
9 manufactured. This is of critical importance in many  
10 simple amino acid nutrients since they have a limited  
11 life before they are broken down by incidental  
12 chemical effects before they can deliver the required  
13 effect to the target cells.

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15 Under ideal conditions it will be possible to order  
16 the folding of a protein to the desired biological  
17 form by successive stimulation of suitable resonant  
18 frequencies and the differential polar and  
19 hydrophobic absorption of photons. Again the  
20 application of a suitable modulated beam to a  
21 sufficient volume of protein by conventional means  
22 would be impossible as result of the scattering of  
23 the light. The sparse constructive node beam  
24 disclosed in the present application makes the  
25 delivery of the required modulation a practical  
26 possibility. A suitable array of the disclosed sparse  
27 constructive node beams could be arranged on a  
28 conveyor passing the proteins or simple amino  
29 structures sequentially under the various modulation

1 frequencies designed to favour each of the desired  
2 folding steps.

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4 Clearly much research would be required to determine  
5 what modulations would be required to produce a  
6 desired protein shape and it may be that in practice  
7 very few proteins can be usefully manipulated in this  
8 way. Such research is not within the scope of this  
9 application; rather this application discloses a  
10 method and apparatus capable of moderating aspects of  
11 the folding process of proteins in a manner that can  
12 be applied to a bulk mass for the first time. It is  
13 extremely likely that a range of practical protein  
14 structures can be generated by this method and it has  
15 been shown by experiment that a population of  
16 proteins or simple amino structures can be at least  
17 made homogeneous which as mentioned above is useful  
18 in itself.

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20 In this regard it should be noted that the rotational  
21 polarisation of the light source would cause  
22 differential absorption of energy depending on the  
23 "handedness" of a given molecular structure. In  
24 addition, if the beam is modulated at the resonance  
25 of a given structure, it is possible to either  
26 enhance the production of one rotation of a molecule  
27 versus the other. At slightly higher energy it is  
28 possible to cause the destruction by a separate  
29 chemical process of one or other rotation by

1 differentiating the temperature and therefore the  
2 reactivity of one rotation versus the other. This is  
3 a particularly useful application of the method as  
4 many drugs and nutrients depend on only one form of  
5 the molecule being present.

6

7 In this case of course the maximum Feynman path must  
8 be very much shorter and so the maximum depth that  
9 rotational polarisation effects would occur would be  
10 no greater than a few millimetres in a typically  
11 scattering medium. Hitherto no simple practical  
12 method has existed to purify a population of  
13 molecules to one or other rotation. The method  
14 disclosed here provides a means of operating on bulk  
15 media to generate a homogeneous single rotation  
16 population or to allow a chemical process to  
17 preferentially destroy one rotation relative to the  
18 other in a mixed population of molecules.

19

20 The chemical consequences discussed herein of  
21 molecular stimulation by sparse constructive node  
22 techniques result primarily from the repeated  
23 acceptance and release of photons by atoms at the  
24 resonant frequency of the local atomic bonds or local  
25 structure. There is a secondary effect on certain  
26 molecular forms such as tetrahedral which can be  
27 induced to spin provided the effective pulse length  
28 is sufficiently short.

29

1 While the sparse constructive interference beam is  
2 the primary thrust of the present application, it is  
3 worth noting that the Hamiltonian solution to  
4 Maxwell's equations suggest that cancelled light,  
5 although carrying no energy in the conventional sense  
6 in that it can not interact by conventional Quantum  
7 Electrodynamics (QED) processes may have an effect on  
8 the permittivity of free space and some theorists  
9 suggest an effect on the strong nuclear force.  
10 However since it can not scatter by QED effects this  
11 has no detrimental affect on the efficiency of the  
12 sparse constructive interference modulation and it  
13 could be argued that the permittivity and nuclear  
14 absorption effect, should it exist, would tend to  
15 enhance the efficiency of the modulated frequency  
16 coupling to the molecule. It should be noted that the  
17 presence of the Hamiltonian effect has never been  
18 satisfactorily proven and many theorists discount its  
19 existence as a mere mathematical oddity, however we  
20 note it here simply to point out that the effect  
21 would tend to enhance rather than degrade the benefit  
22 of the sparse constructive in interference effect.  
23 The apparatus by its nature can therefor be used as a  
24 means of delivering such a theoretical modulated  
25 Hamiltonian "scalar" wave.

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27 Figs. 2 to 8 illustrate elements of the foregoing in  
28 more detail.

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1 Fig. 2 shows the sparse constructive interference  
2 effect from a 1 percent bandwidth cancellation plate  
3 of 5 mm aperture. Black represents constructive  
4 nodes.

5 Fig. 3 shows the same sparse constructive  
6 interference in a scattering medium showing minimal  
7 degradation of the effect and an increased path width  
8 of majority destructive interference.

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10 Figs. 4 and 5 show typical Cell Adhesion Molecules.  
11 Both would have two primary resonances a high Q  
12 resonance between the main elements at a relatively  
13 low frequency and a higher frequency lower Q  
14 resonance between the lobes of each element. The  
15 molecule in Fig. 4 has a higher frequency resonance  
16 between the main elements as it has some backbone  
17 structure between the main elements.

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19 Fig. 6 shows a human integrin molecule which will  
20 have a single substantial high Q resonance defined by  
21 the mass of the two main elements and the compliance  
22 of the single backbone structure between the  
23 elements. This molecule is extremely easy to resonate  
24 sufficiently to moderate reactions and was the first  
25 molecule to be successfully manipulated by the method  
26 disclosed. This allowed an in vitro demonstration of  
27 cell adhesion stimulated by laser stimulation  
28 through a sparse constructive node cancellation  
29 optical device. "Tracks" of adhered cell chains could

1 be generated in the beam path of the device in a  
2 population of cells with substantially reduced  
3 expression of the integrin and generally little  
4 adhesion in the absence of the beam.

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6 Fig. 7 shows the zinc "fingerlike" structure of the  
7 GAG protein in the HIV virus. Again the molecule  
8 shows the easily resonated dual element with  
9 compliant single backbone bridge. This molecule is  
10 much smaller and requires a higher energy and  
11 resonant frequency. It was successfully resonated  
12 with 470nm light using the method disclosed. It  
13 should be noted that the chemical conditions around a  
14 small viral particle are far harder to control or  
15 predict and variable results are to be expected. Even  
16 so substantial alterations in the processes of the  
17 viral coat were observed and the viral penetration of  
18 a cell population could be substantially altered.

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20 Fig. 8 shows a typical laser diode spectrum, with a  
21 typical cancelled portion of the spectrum and the  
22 depth of the modulation that can be induced without  
23 causing the nodes to spill outside the cancellation  
24 zone and complicate the beat frequency pattern.

25 Different laser designs have different resonant modes  
26 and these can be selected to obtain the most useful  
27 range for a given application. Bragg gratings can be  
28 used to stabilise the laser emission line and expand  
29 the modulation amplitude that can be used while



1 keeping the overall frequency shift within the  
2 required boundary. Lasers can be pulsed with short  
3 duration pulses, which will produce an isolated  
4 traverse though the frequency mode of the laser and  
5 this can be determined to a high degree of  
6 repeatability. If a Bragg grating is used with a  
7 pulse laser the resulting frequency modulated pulse  
8 will have a very high degree of control. The  
9 combination of the short laser pulse and the rapid  
10 resulting traverse of the sparse constructive nodes  
11 means that a given point in the volume in front of  
12 the laser will be exposed to extremely short (sub  
13 picosecond) duration pulses. There are several  
14 applications for such short pulses and conventional  
15 methods for short pulse generation are relatively  
16 costly.

1   **CLAIMS**

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3   1.   Apparatus for the stimulation of molecular  
4   resonance by the application of very low intensity  
5   electromagnetic radiation, comprising a laser of  
6   multiple line cavity resonance consisting of a laser  
7   diode with a collimated or near collimated beam, said  
8   beam being passed through a phase cancellation  
9   optical element having the characteristic of  
10   cancelling several of the central lines of the laser  
11   frequency while leaving the higher and lower  
12   frequencies generally uncanceled such that the beat  
13   frequency of the passed frequencies forms a pattern  
14   of interference of constructive and destructive nodes  
15   in which the diameter of the beam is set to be a  
16   sufficiently low multiple of the wavelength of the  
17   beat frequency to allow a substantial Fresnel zone to  
18   be apparent in the beam and in which an aperture is  
19   provided to select a portion of the Fresnel zone  
20   wherein a substantial majority of destructive nodes  
21   are apparent relative to the constructive nodes and  
22   in which means are provided to modulate the laser  
23   frequency.

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25   2.   Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the  
26   laser frequency is varied by adjusting the current on  
27   a laser diode.

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1 3. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2  
2 wherein the laser frequency is varied by physical  
3 alteration of a secondary cavity such as a crystal  
4 provided to double the primary frequency.

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6 4. Apparatus as claimed in any of the preceding  
7 Claims wherein the modulation frequency is a harmonic  
8 of the beat frequency.

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10 5. Apparatus as claimed in any of the preceding  
11 Claims wherein the modulation frequency is a harmonic  
12 of a specific molecular resonance.

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14 6. Apparatus as claimed in any of the preceding  
15 Claims wherein the aperture or angle of the beam  
16 passage through the cancellation device may be varied  
17 consequently varying the beat frequency.

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19 7. Apparatus as claimed in any of the preceding  
20 Claims wherein the selected portion of the beam may  
21 be varied to alter the balance between constructive  
22 and destructive nodes.

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24 8. Apparatus as claimed in any of the preceding  
25 Claims wherein the means for modulating the laser  
26 frequency is the consequential mode transition of a  
27 laser diode in pulse mode.

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2 9. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 8 where the laser  
3 diode mode is held within bounds by reflection from a  
4 Bragg grating so that the modulation of the Fresnel  
5 zone nodes is a consequence of the Fourier transform  
6 of the pulse.

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8 10. A method of stimulation of molecular resonance  
9 by the application of very low intensity  
10 electromagnetic radiation modulated at resonant  
11 frequencies of molecules of high Q by use of a laser  
12 of multiple line cavity resonance consisting of a  
13 laser diode with a collimated or near collimated  
14 beam, said beam being passed through a phase  
15 cancellation optical element said cancellation device  
16 having the characteristic of cancelling several of  
17 the central lines of the laser frequency while  
18 leaving the higher and lower frequencies generally  
19 uncanceled such that the beat frequency of the  
20 passed frequencies forms a pattern of interference of  
21 constructive and destructive nodes, in which method  
22 the diameter of the beam is set to be a sufficiently  
23 low multiple of the wavelength of the beat frequency  
24 to allow a substantial Fresnel zone to be apparent in  
25 the beam and in which an aperture is provided to  
26 select a portion of the Fresnel zone wherein a  
27 substantial majority of destructive nodes are  
28 apparent relative to the constructive nodes and in  
29 which means are provided to modulate the laser  
30 frequency.

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2 11. Apparatus for the production of sub picosecond  
3 light pulses, the apparatus comprising a laser  
4 producing a collimated or near collimated beam, a  
5 phase cancellation optical element through which said  
6 beam is passed, said phase cancellation optical  
7 element being formed by the series combination of a  
8 first diffraction grating, a refractive element and a  
9 second diffraction grating, whereby a pattern of  
10 interference of constructive and destructive nodes is  
11 formed in which the diameter of the beam is set to be  
12 a sufficiently low multiple of the wavelength of the  
13 beat frequency to allow a substantial Fresnel zone to  
14 be apparent in the beam, the apparatus further  
15 including means for pulsing the laser with short  
16 duration pulses to produce for each pulse an isolated  
17 traverse through the frequency mode of the laser.  
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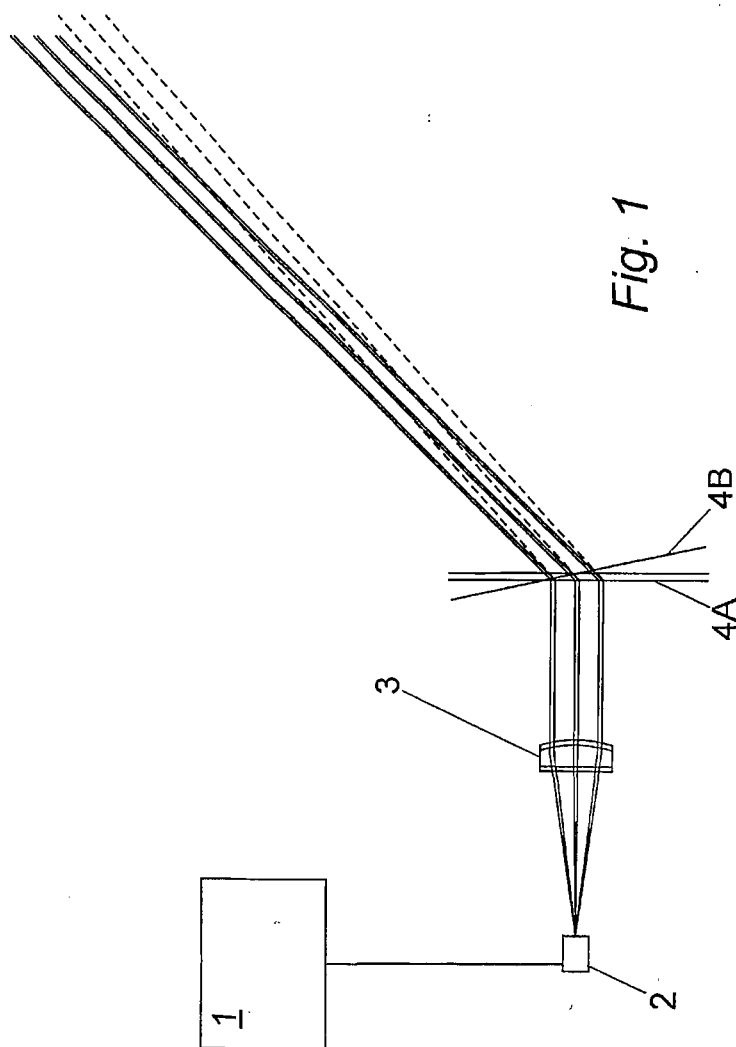


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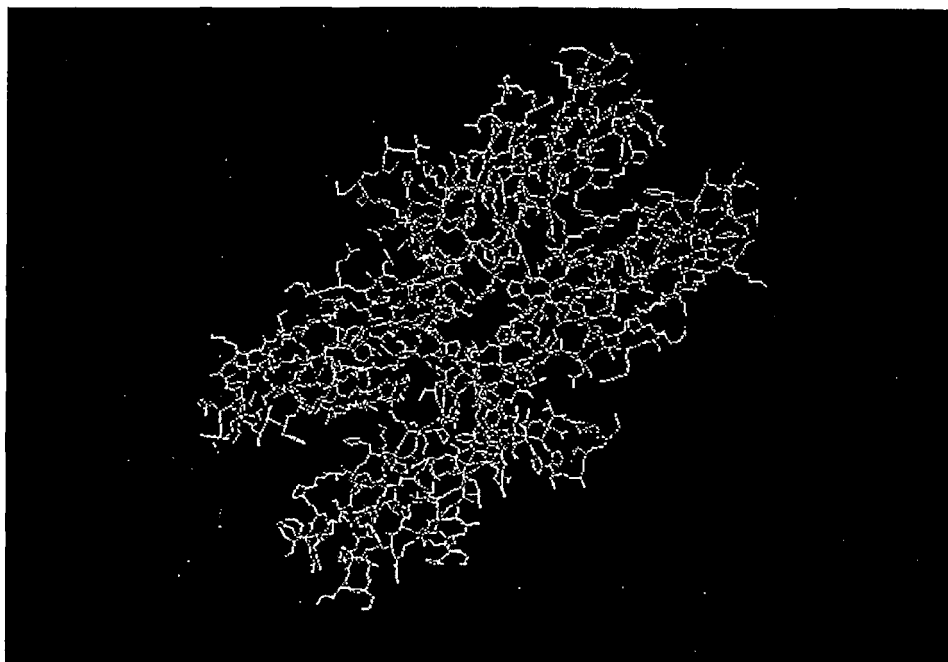


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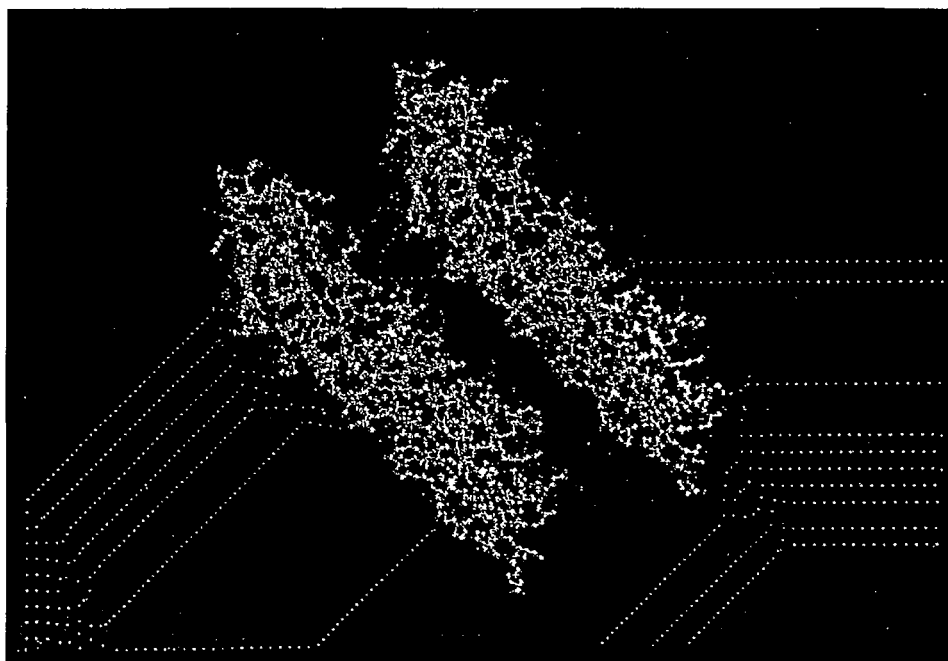
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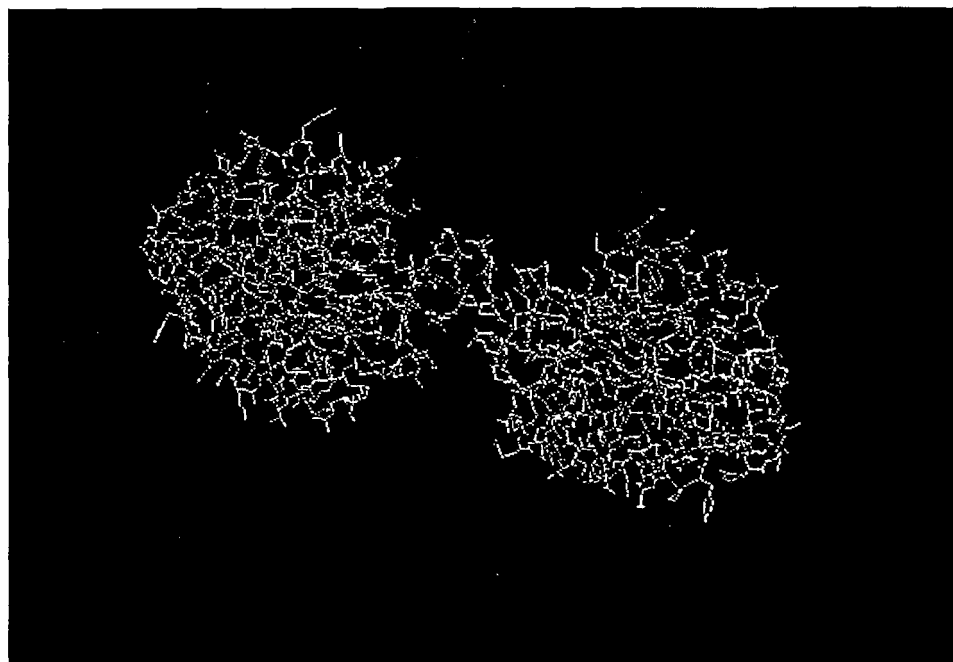


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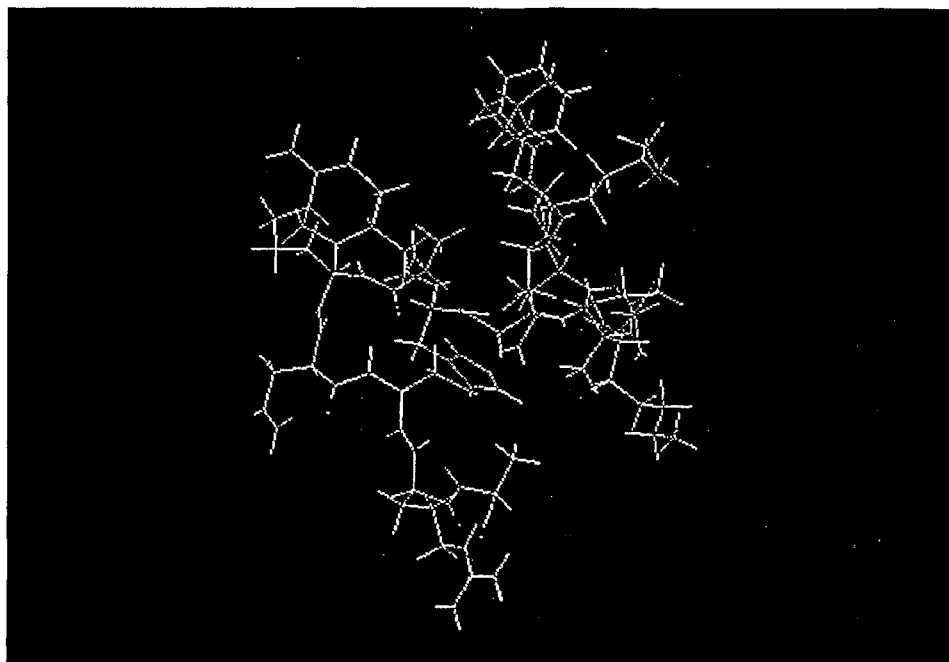
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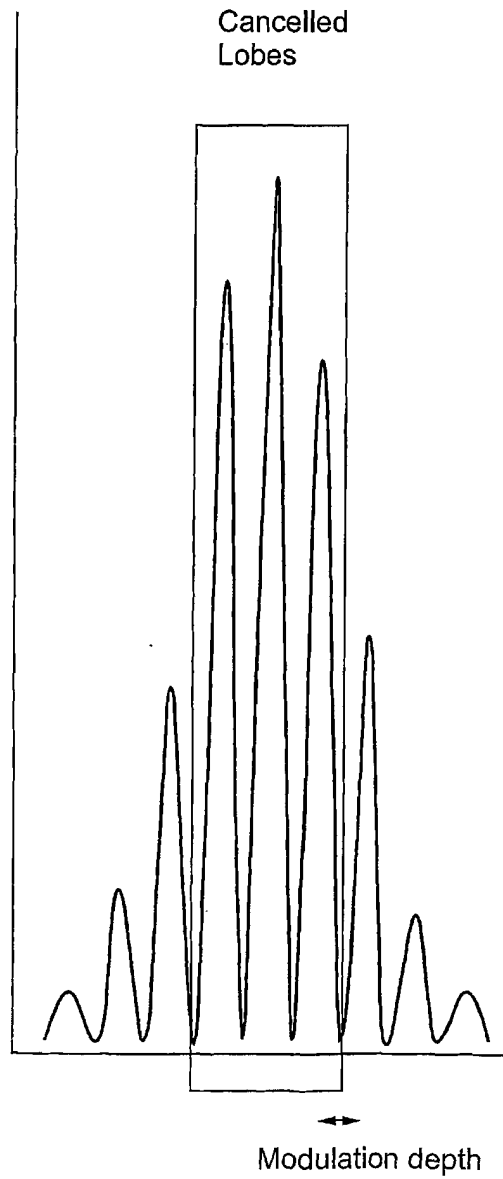
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*Fig. 7*

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*Fig. 8*

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